

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The American Red Cross in South Dakota provides relief and assistance to residents of this state who have suffered from tornadoes, blizzards, fires, floods and many other types of natural or man-caused disasters; and,

Whereas, The American Red Cross in South Dakota assists military dependents of this state when an emergency message must be relayed from South Dakota to the soldier wherever in the world the military member is located through the Armed Forces Emergency Services Program; and,

Whereas, The American Red Cross in South Dakota offers residents life-saving training in health and safety classes such as CPR, First Aid, AED training, babysitting, family care giving, pet first aid, lifeguard training and swimming lessons; and,

Whereas, Thousands of our residents have volunteered their time and talents to the American Red Cross to help other residents of our state who are in need; and,

Whereas, Hundreds of our residents have traveled throughout the United States as Red Cross disaster volunteers to help other Americans who have suffered from major disasters; and,

Whereas, The American Red Cross in South Dakota is not a government agency and relies on the generosity of businesses and individuals in this state in order to provide all the emergency services at no cost to the families receiving Red Cross services; and,

Whereas, The American Red Cross chartered local chapters in South Dakota 90 years ago including, Oahe, Beadle-Jerauld, Yankton, Black Hills Area, Davison-Hanson, Codington, Lake-Kingsbury, Brown, Sioux Empire and Brookings the ensuing year; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize board members, numerous volunteers and paid staff who have given unselfishly of their time to help others across the state and nation over the past 90 years:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2007, as

AMERICAN RED CROSS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State